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- versus -: U.S. Courthouse

: Central Islip, New York

JACK CABASSO, : September 22, 2020 Defendant : 12:20 PM

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Proceedings THE COURT: Good afternoon, this is Judge 1 2 Lindsay and can I just confirm who is on the phone 3 please? MR. RICHARDSON: Good afternoon, your Honor. 4 5 It's Ian Richardson, Alexander Mindlin and Kayla Bensing for the United States. 6 7 THE COURT: Okay. MR. DAYAN: Good afternoon, your Honor. 8 9 Albert --10 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Good afternoon --11 MR. DAYAN: sorry, sorry, go ahead. 12 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Good afternoon, your Honor. 13 Officer Ramel Moore for pretrial services. 14 THE COURT: Okay. 15 MR. DAYAN: Yes, For Mr. Cabasso, Albert Dayan. 16 Good afternoon, Judge. 17 THE COURT: Yes, good afternoon. 18 Now Mr. Dayan, am I correct that your client 19 has consented to proceed this way by phone conference in 20 order to address the application to modify the conditions 21 of bail? 22 MR. DAYAN: Yes, thank you for asking, he is. 23 THE COURT: Okay. And I take it he's on the 24 phone right now; is that right? 25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

MR. DAYAN: He is.

asked for the conference is when I reviewed the application, I don't have an objection specifically to allowing Mr. Cabasso to set up this business he described but I am concerned since it is a business that's not unlike the one that he is charged with using in violation of the law, that there be some provision for either pretrial services or -- actually, it would have to be pretrial services, to at least randomly check to ensure that the conduct that's charged in the indictment is not being engaged in in the new company.

So I throw that out to counsel to come up with something that would address the Court's concerns. Maybe it's just pretrial services monitoring but I don't know that pretrial services has the wherewithal to do so. So can I get some response on that proposal?

MR. DAYAN: Yes. You want to proceed because I think that the 14-day reporting to the government through pretrial alleviates that concern, Judge because they will have the opportunity to know who he is dealing with and they'll have the opportunity to contact the clientele and ask what type of business.

And on top of that, if they need without any search warrant or without any court authorization, ask

Mr. Cabasso to produce the documents in connection to his association with the clients in the last 14 days of which in which he is reporting.

THE COURT: All right. So that wasn't clear to me. So as you're describing, every 14 days he is to report to the government the new business contract that he's entered into or the new business that he's operating — that he's engaged in and then they can request documents as they see fit. Is that what you're saying?

MR. DAYAN: That was my understanding that upon the request of the government to confirm that the business is ran in accordance -- you know, legitimately, the government has the right to basically inspect.

THE COURT: Okay. But at the outset, it's the defendant's responsibility to keep the government apprised of his business contracts or, you know, business -- I'm not sure how it's been defined but new business for the company; is that right?

MR. DAYAN: Correct. So he produces the list - he produces the list and then upon an audit by the
government if they so wish, they can request for more
than the list.

THE COURT: Okay. So let's call it a -- is it fair to call it a client list, is that what we're saying? Would that be a right --

Proceedings MR. DAYAN: It --1 2 THE COURT: -- (indiscernible). 3 MR. RICHARDSON: I think it's a contact --This is Ian Richardson for the 4 sorry, your Honor. 5 government. 6 THE COURT: No, go ahead. I want to -- yes. 7 MR. RICHARDSON: What I think we envision it as 8 a contact list, so one of the concerns we had in addition 9 to the ones your Honor outlined was the possibility of 10 tampering with witnesses who might have information about 11 the case, just given the nature of the allegations. THE COURT: Right. I'm aware of that. 12 13 MR. RICHARDSON: And the way we -- right. 14 way we had sort of -- the compromise solution we reached 15 with Mr. Dayan on that point was that if every 14 days Mr. Cabasso was submitting a list of all people and 16 17 (indiscernible) he had been in contact with, that would at least give us and pretrial the option of, you know, 18 19 conducting spot checks, contacting those folks and just 20 saying, you know, has he been in contact with so-and-so, 21 what did you talk about, things like that. 22 THE COURT: Okay. Let me --23 MR. RICHARDSON: And then --24 THE COURT: Mr. Richardson, let me just be

clear about something. When you say "all contact", it's

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all business contact and/or contact with the company that
is named in the indictment or is it all contact? I mean,
obviously we don't --

MR. RICHARDSON: I --

THE COURT: -- want to hear --

MR. RICHARDSON: I think it's all contact in connection with the new business.

THE COURT: With the business.

MR. RICHARDSON: That would be both vendors and it would also be potential clients and it would be potential business partnerships including the manager.

THE COURT: Clients, partnerships -- and that's why I wanted this conference to make sure that everybody's clear and especially the defendant as to what his obligations are, so that there isn't a dispute later on as to what if anything was required because to me, when I looked at the submission, it wasn't perfectly clear to me what had been agreed to.

So -- okay, I'm okay with that if that actually clarifies the obligation of Mr. Cabasso. Mr. Cabasso, I take it maybe you already understood it but the Court didn't, that to the extent that you're going to be operating this new enterprise, that you have an obligation to keep the government informed in a listing, you could do it through counsel or directly, that will be

worked out with you and your lawyer but every 14 days, a comprehensive list of any individuals and persons that you might have contacted as a vendor or client of the new company or any contact with the company which is named in the indictment and the individuals who are associated with that business.

And pretty much to the extent that you're in touch with individuals with respect to the operations of the new business, the operations and I'm not talking about saying hello to somebody -- I should add this -- operations of your new business, even if you just contacting them to touch base to see if they need anything, that would be a contact that you would have to report.

And then if the government wishes to follow-up on something to inquire further, they would communicate that interest to your attorney who would then provide some response. Does that fairly state what the agreement between the government and defense counsel?

MR. DAYAN: It does on --

MR. RICHARDSON: It does, your Honor.

MR. DAYAN: It does, Judge.

THE COURT: Okay. So Mr. Cabasso, did you understand that and if you do, then I will agree to the modification that's now on the record and I think it's

very clear what you're required to do. Do you understand what I have just outlined for you?

THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Then --

PRETRIAL SERVICES: Your Honor?

THE COURT: Go ahead.

PRETRIAL SERVICES: Your Honor, this is Officer Moore from pretrial services. I just wanted to address one matter in defense counsel's application regarding the time frame that he's requesting that Mr. Cabasso be allowed out to go to work (audio interference).

THE COURT: Uh-hum.

PRETRIAL SERVICES: Is your Honor adopting that modification?

THE COURT: I don't remember, what is the time frame? I don't have the request directly in front of me. So what was the time frame and do you have an opinion about it? So let me know.

PRETRIAL SERVICES: So counsel can correct me if I am wrong but he's requesting that Mr. Cabasso be allowed out from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on a daily basis for him to operate the business. We would just ask that it be left at our discretion to give him a (audio interference) schedule since he's under home detention.

THE COURT: I'm okay with that. I think

presumptively 8 to 6 is reasonable but to the extent that
he needs more time or you feel that -- or pretrial
services feels that that should require some
modification, I am going to give you the discretion to do
that but I think presumptively 8 to 6 is a very
reasonable request in terms of the operations of the

But Mr. Moore, as pretrial services officer,
I'm going to allow the discretion to modify as you deem
necessary but with the idea that the Court thinks that
this is not an unreasonable request.

PRETRIAL SERVICES: Okay, understood.

MR. DAYAN: So if pretrial -- and thank you so much, Officer, for bringing this to my attention. So sometimes because Mr. Cabasso is in the service industry, somebody -- someone may have an emergency, we would notify pretrial services that on a particular date, we are going to be at a particular place. For example, designating and addressing of that emergency, so it would be up to the pretrial officer to approve that based upon the --

THE COURT: Yes.

business.

MR. DAYAN: -- adequate notice.

THE COURT: Right. I absolutely concur with

25 that. I mean, Mr. Moore is -- and I believe you're the

one who is responsible for supervising it and he and others, but they will have that kind of discretion. So to the extent there is an issue, please touch base with pretrial services because I'm deferring to them on that matter.

PRETRIAL SERVICES: All right.

THE COURT: Anything else?

MR. DAYAN: Thank you so much.

PRETRIAL SERVICES: Yes, one moment, your Honor, I would just like to make clear that he's only being approved from 8 to 6 to go to and from work.

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13 PRETRIAL SERVICES: And no other destination.

does have, you know, permission to do attorney visits.

As you know, they're the usual, the attorney visits,

court visits, medical stuff, all of which has to be

THE COURT: That's it. Right now, I mean he

approved by pretrial services in the first instance

19 before it happens, okay?

20 PRETRIAL SERVICES: Yes, that part is
21 understood. I just wanted to clarify the 8 to 6 time
22 frame.

THE COURT: Right. The 8 to 6 is for work.

PRETRIAL SERVICES: Thank you.

MR. RICHARDSON: Your Honor, Ian Richardson for

1 | the government.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. RICHARDSON: Just two small matters, I just wanted to clarify. It's my understanding generally when defendants are permitted to go to a location for work that pretrial has the option for randomized unannounced visits to verify that they are doing what they said they were going to do and that that is a condition as well.

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. RICHARDSON: Okay.

THE COURT: That's standard and if there's any question about it, I want to make clear that that is absolutely permitted; random visits to the house or the place of business.

MR. RICHARDSON: And then the second issue, just on the contact lists, in addition to the names of the people, I think also the contact information for those people, so if it's a phone call, the phone number, and email, the email address, just so that if we decide to follow-up, we could reach out to them ourselves without having to go through Mr. Dayan for that information.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Dayan, is that understood or 24 any objection to that?

MR. DAYAN: No, no objection.

THE COURT: Okay. That application is also included -- granted and included as part of the conditions of release.

All right. I think that's it unless someone else has something else?

MR. RICHARDSON: Nothing further, your Honor.

MR. DAYAN: Judge, I just want to make sure, Judge, if you don't mind. That last request by the government, I just want to make sure I understood it because can Mr. Ian (sic) repeat that what I just consented to?

THE COURT: Yes, go ahead.

MR. DAYAN: I just wanted to make sure that I understood him clearly.

MR. RICHARDSON: Yes. Absolutely.

THE COURT: Go ahead.

MR. RICHARDSON: When Mr. Cabasso provides to you and then you eventually provide to the government, the contact list of the people that he's in contact with in connection with the operation of his new business, that contact list will not just include names, it will also include the method of -- the contact information itself. So if it's a phone call, a phone number. If it's an email address, an email address.

MR. DAYAN: That's fine, yes, yes.

THE COURT: Okay. Anything else? 1 2 MR. RICHARDSON: That's it from the government, 3 your Honor. MR. DAYAN: That's it, Judge. Thank you so 4 5 Nothing for the defense. 6 THE COURT: All right. Everyone have a --7 MR. DAYAN: Thank you so much, Judge. 8 THE COURT: Yes, of course. Have a good day 9 everyone and stay safe. 10 MR. RICHARDSON: Thank you, your Honor. MR. DAYAN: Thank you so much. We look forward 11 12 to being back in your courtroom, Judge. 13 THE COURT: I'm not so sure I'm looking forward 14 to it but -- no, I'm joking but of course. Right now, we 15 don't know everybody's going back but I suspect we'll see 16 if they resurge or not. Everybody's anticipating a surge 17 and that might throw everything into some kind of 18 (indiscernible). Anyway, who knows? Yes but in the 19 meantime, everybody stay healthy and have a good day. 20 MR. DAYAN: Thank you so much. 21 THE COURT: All right. Bye-bye. 22 (Matter Concluded) 23 -000-24

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